

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 24, 2015

Shirley Lindquist, President, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The pledges to the American flag and to the Flag of Texas were led by Shirley Lindquist.

Shirley welcomed all our visitors and among the visitors visiting from Alabama was Mrs. Carolyn Hellen, the founder of the BAGS organization.

Shirley announced the next BAGS bus trip to Clayton Genealogical Library in Houston will be on Wednesday, July 15, 2015. The bus departs from the Clear Lake Recreation Center, 16511 Diana at 9:15 a.m. and leaves the library to return to the recreation center at 3:00 p.m.

Melodey Hauch announced that she has the latest BAGS Journal at the back of the room for members and that she also has older BAGS Quarterlies that can be picked up by anyone desiring to have one free of charge.

Betty Wegner announced that she was the replacement for Patsy Chappelle for the evening and that the BAGS yearbook is available from her for all members.

Loren Martin made an announcement about volunteering for the BAGS organization. He apologized to anyone that may have been hurt if they had indicated that they were interested in volunteering and hadn't been called. But, that he had 3 clipboards that were being passed around tonight and to please make it known to the board what you are willing to do to help this organization of volunteers. All volunteers are appreciated.

Nick Cimino chairman of the Education and SIGs announced that the next group class on German genealogy will be German Script and vocabulary. It is scheduled

for May 16 at 2:00 p.m. at 416 Morningside Dr., Friendswood Activities Building. Note that the time has been changed from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Beginning Genealogy class is scheduled for May 30 a Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the same location in Friendswood. The topic for this beginning class will be FamilySearch.org.

He is planning SIGS for the fall. The organization will focus in the summer on the July 11th Seminar.

At this time Carolyn Hellen made a plea for volunteers. The BAGS organization was built on volunteers. Bill Mayo noted that we have chairman and that we just need the Indians to help the chief.

Polly Swerdlin, our webmaster announced a few changes with the website. One being that the color is now blue and that she has added a "members" page which has the yearbook and surname list on it. The password for the "members" page is "ancestor".

Shirley announced that it is time for elections. Nick Cimino and Bob Wegner are two members of the nominating committee and 3 other members of the organization are needed to round out a complete nominating committee. Open for election are President, 1st Vice President, and two secretarial positions, recording and corresponding.

Kim introduced our speaker for the evening, Mr. Daniel Sample on "Family History Research-World War I Records". Mr. Sample grew up in Fort Worth, Texas. In 1996, he earned his Masters of Library and Information Science from the University of North Texas in Denton. He worked for the Houston Public Library system beginning in 1997. In 2005, he joined the Fort Bend County Libraries and worked for George Memorial and some of the branches before becoming head of the Genealogy & Local History Department in 2010.

Mr. Sample gave an informative talk on WWI Records that are online. A handout of the links was supplied. Everyone seemed to enjoy the talk and he was warmly received.

Kim invited attendees to return next month for Gale French who will present "Self-Publishing Your Family History".

Shirley also invited members to return next month on May 29 at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Deborah Gammon